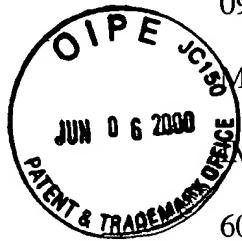


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In re application of: Paul John Griffiths Examiner: Unknown  
Serial No.: 09/525,741 Group Art Unit: 3619  
Filed: March 14, 2000  
For: IMPROVED AIR SPRING  
Docket No.: 60,130-391



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Washington, D.C. 20231

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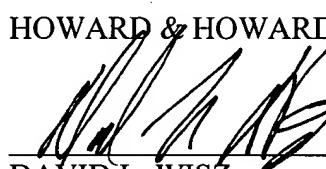
In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted dated May 22, 2000, applicant is submitting herewith the required Declaration and a Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

Also enclosed herewith is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application - Filing Date Granted as requested.

Enclosed herewith is a check in the amount of \$130.00 for payment of the required surcharge and a check in the amount of \$690.00 for payment of the basic filing fee. If any additional fees are necessary to respond to the outstanding Petition, you are hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard.

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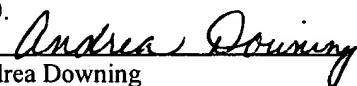
  
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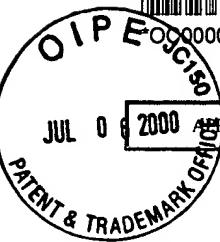
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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 820.**

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*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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**Via Federal Express**

**RE: U.S. Patent Application on:**  
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**Our File No.: 60,130-382; Your File No.: 99 AUT 079**

**U.S. Patent Application on:**  
**“IMPROVED AIR SPRING AND PEDESTAL”**  
**Our File No.: 60,130-390; Your File No.: 99 AUT 078**

**U.S. Patent Application on:**  
**“IMPROVED AIR SPRING”**  
**Our File No.: 60,130-391; Your File No.: 99 AUT 080**

Dear Mr. Griffiths:

Months ago each of the above-referenced applications was sent to you at Meritor for your review. We understand that you subsequently left Meritor without completing these applications.

Please find enclosed another copy of each of the above-referenced applications directed to developments you made while employed at Meritor. If the applications meet with your approval, please sign the enclosed Declaration and Assignment for each application and return them to me in the enclosed envelope. However, if you believe any changes are required, please contact me by facsimile or telephone and I will revise the applications. All changes will be promptly made so that the applications can be filed in the immediate future.

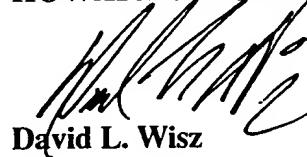
Mr. Paul John Griffiths  
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Please forward the signed documents to me in the enclosed envelope no later than March 14, 2000. If we do not hear from you by March 14, 2000, we will consider you as not wishing to cooperate in completing the above-referenced applications. We will then take appropriate steps to protect the intellectual property rights of Meritor by immediately filing the above-referenced applications without your signature.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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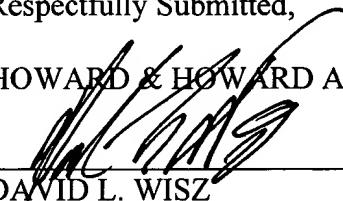
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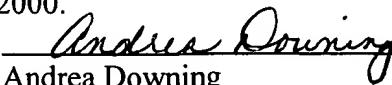
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